FISCAL MEMORANDUM SB 1657 - HB 1604

April 3, 2007

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005273): Authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD) to determine certain professionals who can evaluate a person's need for isolation and restraint within one hour of intervention.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

MINIMAL

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- DMHDD assumes that "professional" refers to a "qualified mental health professional" which is defined in TCA § 33-1-101(18).
- DMHDD will not incur a fiscal impact because there will not be a change in the mental health care professionals which will be authorized to determine the use of isolation and restraints.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

/kml